

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A magnetic disk cartridge comprising:

a magnetic disk medium;

a casing, which has head slots, for rotatably housing said magnetic disk medium; and

dust-removing liners fixed on inner surfaces of said casing which face both sides of said magnetic disk medium;

wherein each of said liners has an outer circumferential portion that is not fixed on the inner surface of said casing, and

wherein each of said liners has an outer edge portion hardened by heat welding or adhesion employing an adhesive.

2. (original): The magnetic disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said magnetic disk medium is of a 3.5-inch type; and

the outer circumferential portion of said liner is in a range of approximately 2 to 3 mm inwardly from an outer circumferential edge of said magnetic disk medium.

3. (original): The magnetic disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said magnetic disk medium is of a 1.8-inch type; and

the outer circumferential portion of said liner is in a range of approximately 1 mm inwardly from the outer circumferential edge of said magnetic disk medium.

4. (canceled).

5. (withdrawn): A magnetic disk cartridge comprising:

a magnetic disk medium;

a casing, which has head slots, for rotatably housing said magnetic disk medium; and
dust-removing liners fixed on inner surfaces of said casing which face both sides of said magnetic disk medium;

wherein each of said liners is provided with protrusions that protrude toward said magnetic disk medium, each of said protrusions having a circumferential width that gradually increases from its radially inner end toward its radially outer end.

6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): The magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential portion of said liner comprises an area of dust particles resulting from centrifugal force.

8. (previously presented): The magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential portion of said liner is arranged to float off the inner surface of the said casing.

9. (previously presented): The magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential portion of said liner comprises an area parallel with a non recording area of the magnetic disk medium.

10. (new): The magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein an entire outer circumferential portion of each of the liners is not fixed on the inner surface of said casing.

11. (new): The magnetic disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential portion of each of the liners is arranged away from the inner surface of said casing.